

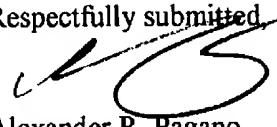
II. REMARKS

Claims 2-4 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 5 are canceled by way of this Reply. No amendments are requested. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Telephonic Interview of January 4, 2005. Pursuant to the Interview, Applicant understands that the proposed claim amendments of August 4, 2004 and August 5, 2004 have not been entered. It is also Applicant's understanding, pursuant to the Interview and the Office Action at page 9, that claims 2-4 above are in condition for allowance.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and cancellation of claims 1 and 5, Applicant has overcome all rejections, and allowance of claims 2-4 is requested. No fee is required for entry of this Reply. If any fee is due, however, please charge the required fee to deposit account number 501358. Submitted herewith is Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a one-month extension of time.

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